

**Montgomery C. Meigs**  
**General, US Army Retired**  
**Director, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization**  
**(JIEDDO)**

The Secretary of Defense appointed General Monty Meigs Director of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO) on 16 December 2005. The Organization has the responsibility to lead, advocate, and coordinate all Department of Defense actions in support of the Combatant Commanders' efforts to defeat improvised explosive devices (IED) as weapons of strategic influence.

General Meigs retired from the Army in January 2003, with over thirty five years of service. On active duty he commanded units in harm's way in the Ashau Valley in Viet Nam, at Medina Ridge during Desert Storm and in Multi-National Division North in Bosnia. From October 1998 to December 2002, he commanded US Army Europe (USAREUR) where he led over 57,000 soldiers and executed annual budgets of over \$3 billion. In the first year of this assignment and during the Kosovo Air Campaign he also commanded SFOR, NATO's peacekeeping operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Between 1999 and 2003, USAREUR worked closely to forge new relationships with Russian Ground Forces and the Armies of the new NATO member nations. USAREUR also achieved a number of unprecedented innovations in command and control capability, Blue Force Tracking among them.

In other key assignments during his military career General Meigs specialized in leader development, military education, war planning, support and execution of contingency operations, and finding and implementing technological solutions for intelligence and command and control capability. As Commandant of the Army's Command and General Staff College, he led the effort to write a new leadership manual for the Army and implemented case study methods in the Staff College's leadership instruction. In addition he has published a book, Slide Rules and Submarines as well as numerous articles in professional journals.

Following his retirement, General Meigs assumed the duties as the Tom Slick Visiting Professor of World Peace at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin. He then moved to the Louis A. Battle Chair of Business and Government Policy at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. He also served as a consultant for NBC News and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the MITRE Corporation.

A graduate of the US Military Academy, he holds a doctorate in history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He and his wife Mary Ann, herself a veteran of thirty-five years as an Army spouse, have two sons, William and Matthew.